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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MANDAHL ET AL.

Examiner

Bradley Bayat

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Applicant has amended claims 1, 4-7, 9-11, 13-20 and canceled claim 12 in the amendment filed on 18 December 2003. Accordingly, claims 1-11 and 13-20 are again presented for examination on the merits.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 18 December 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the cited reference, Anuff et al. (6,327,628 B1) fail to "disclose any discussion of access granted to particular services or applications based on membership in a user group or specifics of a user profile (applicant's response p. 12)." Applicant further contends that "no discussion whatsoever related to selective access to services or applications based on membership in a user group" is recited in Anuff (applicant's response p. 12). The examiner respectfully disagrees.

Anuff specifically discusses various access methods under section 3.6 titled "permissions (column 9, line 56)." For instance, Anuff discloses that certain "properties are associated with modules to determine which modules users can access (column 9, lines 57-59)." In fact, in one example, Anuff discloses that in one implementation, a permissions architecture can be employed to control what a user group can do to a particular object (see figure 2; column 9, lines 61-65)."

The applicant further argues that Anuff "appears to describe templates and user group memberships, but they are only for the purpose of the style and presentation provided to the user

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(applicant's response p.12).” Accordingly, the applicant concludes, Anuff fails to disclose user or user group access to applications or services on a portal (applicant's response p.12).

Anuff does disclose access control for various customizations with regards to a user interface or ascetic presentation; however, Anuff goes on to further teach access control with regards to non-administrative modules (column 10, lines 5-12). In fact, Anuff states “in addition, a module can have custom permissions that control access to functionality that is particular to that module (column 10, lines 12-17; see column 6, lines 1-column 7, lines 63).”

The examiner asserts that applicant's amendments to the claims fail to overcome the rejection as being anticipated by Anuff and therefore the rejection is maintained and made **FINAL**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anuff et al., U.S. Patent 6,327,628 B1.

As per claim 1, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal, comprising: a service access interface connectable to at least one service; a portal directory connected to said service access interface; a user access interface connected to said portal directory; at least one user group; at least one user profile; and said at least one user group and said at least one user profile both

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being related to said at least one service through a configuration of said service access interface and being related to said user access interface through a configuration of said portal directory (column 3, lines 1-57; figure 2 and associated text; column 15, lines 47-67).

As per claim 2, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, wherein said at least one user profile is assignable to a user (figure 6 and associated text).

As per claim 3, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 2, wherein said at least one user profile is configurable by at least one of said user and an administrator (column 3, line 58 – column 4, line 14; column 4, lines 33-38).

As per claim 4, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 3, wherein said at least one user profile configuration can specify a portion of said at least one service available to said at least one user (column 2, lines 54-57; column 3, line 58 – column 4, line 14; column 5, lines 1-20).

As per claim 5, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, further comprising a user authentication engine effective to provide security access to said portal directory and said at least one service (column 9, lines 45-55).

As per claim 6, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 5, wherein said authentication engine is operable to maintain an authentication mapping, whereby said at least one user is granted security access to said at least one service by securely accessing said portal directory through said authentication engine (column 17, lines 9-20).

As per claim 7, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, further comprising: an information summary related to said at least one service; said information summary being updateable when an information content of said at least one service is updated;

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an indication of an activity in said information portal; and said information content being updateable based on said indication (column 2, lines 1-12; column 11, lines 9-15; figure 7 and associated text).

As per claim 8, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, wherein said service access interface is a standardized interface effective to connect to a plurality of services in a standardized format (column 2, lines 1-27; column 4, lines 15-45).

As per claim 9, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 5, further comprising: a migration tool operable to transfer authentication information from an information system to said portal directory; and said transferred authentication information being usable by said user authentication engine effective to provides said security access (column 9, lines 45-67; column 10, lines 1-50).

As per claim 10, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information, comprising: connecting at least one information source with a user access configuration; configuring said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and providing said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user (column 3, lines 40-67; column 4, lines 1-14).

As per claim 11, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 10, wherein said connecting is performed with a standardized interface with said information source (column 2, lines 1-27; column 4, lines 15-45).

As per claim 13, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 10, further comprising: operating a user authentication engine to access said

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at least one information source; and providing said at least one user with access to an information summary related to an information content of said information source (column 9, lines 45-55).

As per claim 14, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, wherein said at least one user can directly access said information source through operation of said authentication engine (column 9, lines 45-67; column 10, lines 1-50).

As per claim 15, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising: updating said information summary when related information in said information content is updated; and permitting said at least one user to set an alert when said information summary is updated (column 2, lines 1-12; column 11, lines 9-15; figure 7 and associated text).

As per claim 16, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising: identifying an activity by said at least one user related to said information content; and updating said information content based on said activity (column 10, line 51 – column 11, line 63).

As per claim 17, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising: updating said information summary when related information in said information content is updated; identifying an activity by said at least one user related to said information content; and updating said information content based on said activity (column 2, lines 1-12; column 11, lines 9-15; figure 7 and associated text).

As per claim 18, Anuff et al. discloses a processor operable to execute a program code from a storage memory, said program code comprising: a first code segment executable to connect at least one information source with a user access configuration; a second code segment

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executable to configure said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and a third code segment executable to provide said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user (figures 4-7 and associated text; column 13, lines 7-51).

As per claim 19, Anuff et al. discloses a computer readable media containing a program code executable to provide organization information to a user, said program code comprising: a first code segment executable to connect at least one information source with a user access configuration; a second code segment executable to configure said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and a third code segment executable to provide said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user (figures 10-12 and associated text).

As per claim 20, Anuff et al. discloses a computer network for deploying an information portal, comprising: a service access interface connectable to at least one service; a portal directory connected to said service access interface; a user access interface connected to said portal directory; at least one user group; at least one user profile; and said at least one user group and said at least one user profile both being related to said at least one service through a configuration of said service access interface and being related to said user access interface through a configuration of said portal directory (column 3, lines 1-57; figure 2 and associated text; column 15, lines 47-67; figures 1, 2, 4 and 6 and associated text).

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*Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior arts of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider **fully** the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.*

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Patent Application Publication US 2002/0018078 A1 to Khan et al.
- Patent Application Publication US 2002/0004387 A1 to Newville.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Bayat whose telephone number is 703-305-8548. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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